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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention relates to a shallow trench
isolation method of a semiconductor wafer which fills
dielectric material into shallow trenches between
components on the surface of the semiconductor wafer
to electrically isolate the components. This method
can prevent dishing phenomenon from occurring over the
surface of some wider shallow trenches when a
10 chemical-mechanical polishing method is used to polish
the surface of the dielectric material filled in each
shallow trench. The method comprises: (1) choosing the
shallow trenches with widths greater than a
predetermined size and generating at least one dummy
15 in each chosen shallow trench to form a plurality of
new trenches with widths less than the predetermined
size; (2) covering the surface of the semiconductor
wafer with dielectric material to form a dielectric
layer; (3) condensing the dielectric layer; (4)
20 polishing the surface of the dielectric layer filled
in all the shallow trenches to align the surface of the
dielectric material with the surface of the components
on the semiconductor wafer.

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